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SUMMARY: POLITICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PAMAMA SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, MANUEL TELLO, ON MARCH 14. TELLO BELIEVES THAT WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME NOISY RHETORIC AND SPEECHES BY PANAMA AND CUBA, COUNCIL WILL END UP WITH RELATIVELY MILD RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONTINUED BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CANAL BETWEEN U. S. AND PANAMA END SUMMARY.

1. UPON LEARNING OF SUDDEN DECISION ANNOUNCED MARCH 13 THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WOULD IN FACT ATTEND PANAMA SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHARGE SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. RABASA HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN UNAVAILABLE, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF NEED TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR MEETING AS WELL AS MATTERS RELATING TO ECHEVERRIA' S WORLD TOUR AT THE END OF THE MONTH. POLITICAL COUNSELOR THEREFORE OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH MANUEL TELLO, THE SENIOR FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. TELLO SAID THAT MEXICO HAD NOT INTENDED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO PANAMA UNTIL DECISION MADE BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON SUNDAY, MARCH
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11, THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA SHOULD GO. TELLO COULD NOT EXPLAIN THIS CHANGE IN POSITION EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT MEETING SEEMED INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO BE " IMPORTANT". TELLO SAID THAT HE AND RABASA WERE LEAVING AFTERNOON MARCH 14 FOR PANAMA, WHERE RABASA WOULD SPEAK ON MARCH 15, RETURNING TO MEXICO MARCH 16. TELLO HIMSELF WILL STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WENT OVER SUBSTANCE REFTEL AS WELL AS OUR DESIRE TO AVOID ANY RESULTS FROM MEETING THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH OUR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA OVER THE CANAL. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TELLO TEXT OF U. S. POSITION PAPER IN STATE 38228, WHICH HE HAD READ AND WAS APPRECIATIVE OF. TELLO SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT PANAMA CANAL WOULD BE RAISED DURING SC MEETING AND HE EXPECTED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF UNPLEASANT RHETORIC FROM FOREIGN MINSTER ROA OF CUBA, WTIH GUANTANAMO CERTAINLY BEING HIGH- LIGHTED. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT IF CUBANS ATTACKED U. S. ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE, PANAMANIANS WOULD FEEL OBLIGHED TO MATCH VEHEMENCE OF THEIR DENUNCIATIONS.

3. AS TO END RESULTS OF MEETING, TELLO BELIEVED THAT PANAMANIANS WERE ANXIOUS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING DEMONSTRATING PANAMA' S RESPONSIBLE STATESMANSHIP. PANAMA WOULD WANT ANY RESOLUTION ON THE CANAL TO BE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, AND THEREFORE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U. S. TELLO UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION MERELY RECOMMENDING THAT THE U. S. AND PANAMA CONTINUE THEIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

4. TELLO CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH U. S. DELEGATION AND SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADORS SCALI AND BENNETT IN MEXICO CITY ON MARCH 23.
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